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Social Security at 75 Years

Dear Members on Ways and Means,

I am a 60 year old retired California educator adversely affected by both WEP and GPO. I urge Congress to take immediate action to pass the Social Security Fairness act (H.R, 235/ S, 484) which would repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision. My **earned** Social Security benefits that have been off set by these unfair laws will put me at a poverty level income in a few short years. I have work equally in both Social Security contributing employment and in California State Teachers Retirement pension. I should not be punished for my work as an educator. GPO/WEP discourages talented and needed people from entering public service occupations- our nation can not afford this! Public service workers like my self are not asking for a handout- we are only asking to be treated as anyone else who has contributed to Social Security in their life time.

Social Security Fairness act (HR 235/S, 484) must move out of committee, I urge Congress to do what is right and move forward with repealing these punitive laws against public service workers who have **earned** benefits and being denied.

Sincerely,

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